(a) whether in January, 1983 his Ministry hed issued directives to all the banks to establish SC/ST cells at each Zonal/Regional Office of the banks;

(b) whether these directives have been complied with by all the banks located in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) If not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):(a) to (c) Instructions had been issued in February, 1985 to all the banks to establish SC/ST Cells at each of their Head, Zonal and Regional Offices. Almost all the banks having zonal and regional offices in the State of Madhya Pradesh have complied with these instructions. However, to ensure compliance with these orders, instructions have again been issued to all the banks to set up SC/ST Cell at all their zonal and regional offices.

India's balance of trade position

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SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was India's balance of trade position at the end of the financial year, 1989-90;

(b) how does it compare with the corresponding figures at the close of the last three financial years; and

(c) what concrete steps are contemplated to achieve positive balance of trade figure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) India's balance of trade during 1986-87 to 1989-90 in Rupee and Dollar terms, is given below:—

	Rupee Terms (Rs. Crores)	Dollar Terms (US$Million)
1986-87	—7644	—5982
1987-88	—6570	—5067
1988-89(R)	—7892	—5449
1989-90(P)	—7731	—4643

(R): Revised as per March 1990 Press Note

(P): Provisional, as per March 1990 Press Note

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) A series of steps have been taken for export promotion and import substitution to reduce the deficit in the balance of trade. These are designed to make exports commercially viable through upgrading industrial efficiency, ensuring supply of raw materials at competitive prices, strengthening infrastructure and simplifying the procedure. Simultaneously, steps have been taken to ensure efficient import substitution particularly in the area of bulk imports. It has also been decided to reduce the import of non-essential items.

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*340 **डा॰ रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश के सोने की विभिन्न खानों से खनन करके कितनी मात्रा में सोना निकाला जा रहा है; और

(ख)देश के अन्य भागों में सोने की खोज के लिये क्या प्रयास किये जा रहें हैं?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री साथ में विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी): (क) विभिन्न खानों से 1989-90 में निकाले गए सोने की मात्रा इस प्रकार है:

भारत सरकार के उपक्रम भारत गोल्ड माइंस लिमिटेड की खानों से 773.3 किलोग्राम सोना निकाला गया, जिसका विवरण इस प्रकार है:—

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